

REMARKS**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-14 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12 and 14 stand rejected; Claims 4, 11 and 13 stand objected to. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2002/0057340 to Fernandez et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that Fernandez et al was published in 2002, and was filed in 2001. Applicants' filing date was June 30, 2000, and therefore Fernandez et al is improperly applied as a reference.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejections based on Fernandez et al.

Claim Objections

The Examiner indicated claims 4, 11 and 13 are objected to for depending from a rejected base claim. Due to the remarks above, Applicants believe the base claims are allowable, and therefore the objections have been overcome.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that claims 1-14 are allowable. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent at (740) 321-7167 if any unresolved matters remain.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner requires additional information or has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Applicants authorize any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0568.

Respectfully submitted,



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